

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct typographical and spelling errors, as well as, to correct bibliographical references.

Claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to place them in proper format for allowance.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the present application and claims. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4439-4026. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4439-4026. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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